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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Applicant Information  
Sheet No. 1

To all persons applying for employment  
with the Central Intelligence Agency:

This paper is the first step in applying for employment or consultant status with the Central Intelligence Agency. No application may proceed beyond this first step if the applicant is not in agreement with the conditions stated below:

General Considerations:

1. The National Security Act of 26 July 1947 (Public Law 253, 80th Congress) which created the Central Intelligence Agency places upon the Agency the responsibility:
  - a. "to advise the National Security Council in matters concerning such intelligence activities of the Government departments and agencies as relate to the national security;
  - b. "to make recommendations to the National Security Council for the coordination of such intelligence activities of the departments and agencies of the Government as relate to the national security;
  - c. "to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security, and provide for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government . . . ;
  - d. "to perform, for the benefit of the existing intelligence agencies, such additional services of common concern as the National Security Council determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally;
  - e. "to perform such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the National Security Council may from time to time direct."

The special character of this national responsibility requires the Agency to maintain correspondingly special employment criteria which may be different from the routine or normal employment standards of other Government departments and agencies which do not have the highly sensitive responsibility borne by the Central Intelligence Agency. It follows that the investigation of applicants prerequisite to their acceptance is a time-consuming process which, in addition to loyalty and security checks, includes evaluation of competence, physical and emotional fitness, and availability of a suitable position at such time as employment may be offered. This is called "clearance" of an applicant.

2. Investigation of an applicant may reveal something which prevents his clearance - perhaps something of which the applicant is genuinely unaware, perhaps something which only the special employment criteria of the Agency make unacceptable. In any event, adverse findings by the Agency are conclusive and final so far as the Agency is concerned, and no statement of specific reasons is made to the applicant.

3. Employment by the Central Intelligence Agency is not a right upon which an applicant can insist. Offer of employment which is subject to full clearance does not constitute a commitment on the Agency's part giving an unsuccessful applicant grounds for any claim against the Agency. Acceptance of employment upon the condition of clearance is at the applicant's risk, taken with the knowledge that a very substantial percentage of applicants are not cleared.

Statement of Understanding  
and Agreement

I have read, understand, and agree to the foregoing General Considerations. If not accepted for employment by the Central Intelligence Agency, I will make no claim or demand in conflict with those considerations.

I have also seen and read Applicant Information Sheet No. 2.

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(Signature of Applicant)

Applicant Information  
Sheet No. 2

1. In accordance with its special national responsibilities, the Central Intelligence Agency is obliged to judge carefully the suitability of each person applying for a position in the Agency. To assist in this determination, a loyalty, background, and character investigation is conducted. This investigation includes, but is not limited to, inquiries concerning:

- a. professional competence
- b. any behavior, activities or associations which tend to show that the individual is of questionable character, discretion, integrity or trustworthiness
- c. any deliberate misrepresentations, falsifications, or omission of material facts
- d. any criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral, or notoriously disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicants to excess, drug addiction, or sexual perversion
- e. physical fitness
- f. an adjudication of insanity, serious mental illnesses, neurological disorders, or emotional instability
- g. any facts which furnish reason to believe that the individual may be subjected to coercion, influence, or pressure which may cause him to act contrary to the best interests of the national security
- h. commission of any act of sabotage, espionage, treason, or sedition, or attempts thereat or preparation therefor, or conspiring with, or aiding or abetting, another to commit or attempt to commit any act of sabotage, espionage, treason, or sedition
- i. establishing or continuing a sympathetic association with a saboteur, spy, traitor, seditionist, anarchist, or revolutionist, or with an espionage or other secret agent or representative of a foreign nation, or any representative of a foreign nation whose interests may be inimical to the interests of the United States, or with any person who advocates the use of force or violence to overthrow the government of the United States or the alteration of the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means

- j. advocacy of use of force or violence to overthrow the government of the United States, or of the alteration of the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means
- k. membership in, or affiliation or sympathetic association with, any foreign or domestic organization, movement, group, or combination of persons which is totalitarian, Fascist, Communist, or subversive, or which has adopted, or shows, a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny other persons their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means
- l. intentional, unauthorized disclosure to any person of security information, or of other information, disclosure of which is prohibited by law, or willful violation or disregard of security regulations
- m. performing or attempting to perform his duties, or otherwise acting, so as to serve the interests of another government in preference to the interests of the United States

2. In considering applicants for employment, Central Intelligence Agency standards oblige strict interpretation of the above and other factors involved in selecting employees. In the event an applicant is in doubt as to whether anything in his background may disqualify him, he is at liberty to consult a Security, Medical or Personnel Officer of the Agency and discuss the matter in strict confidence before proceeding with his application.